IT WASN'T LIKE IN THE MOVIES.

BEATING DOWN YOUR OPPONENT
WHILE ACTING LIKE IT DOESN'T EVEN BOTHER YOU,
AND BEING CUT AND STABBED OVER AND OVER

IS ONLY POSSIBLE IF YOU'RE ACTING.

REALITY IS A VERY DIFFERENT STORY.

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HUFF- HUFF-

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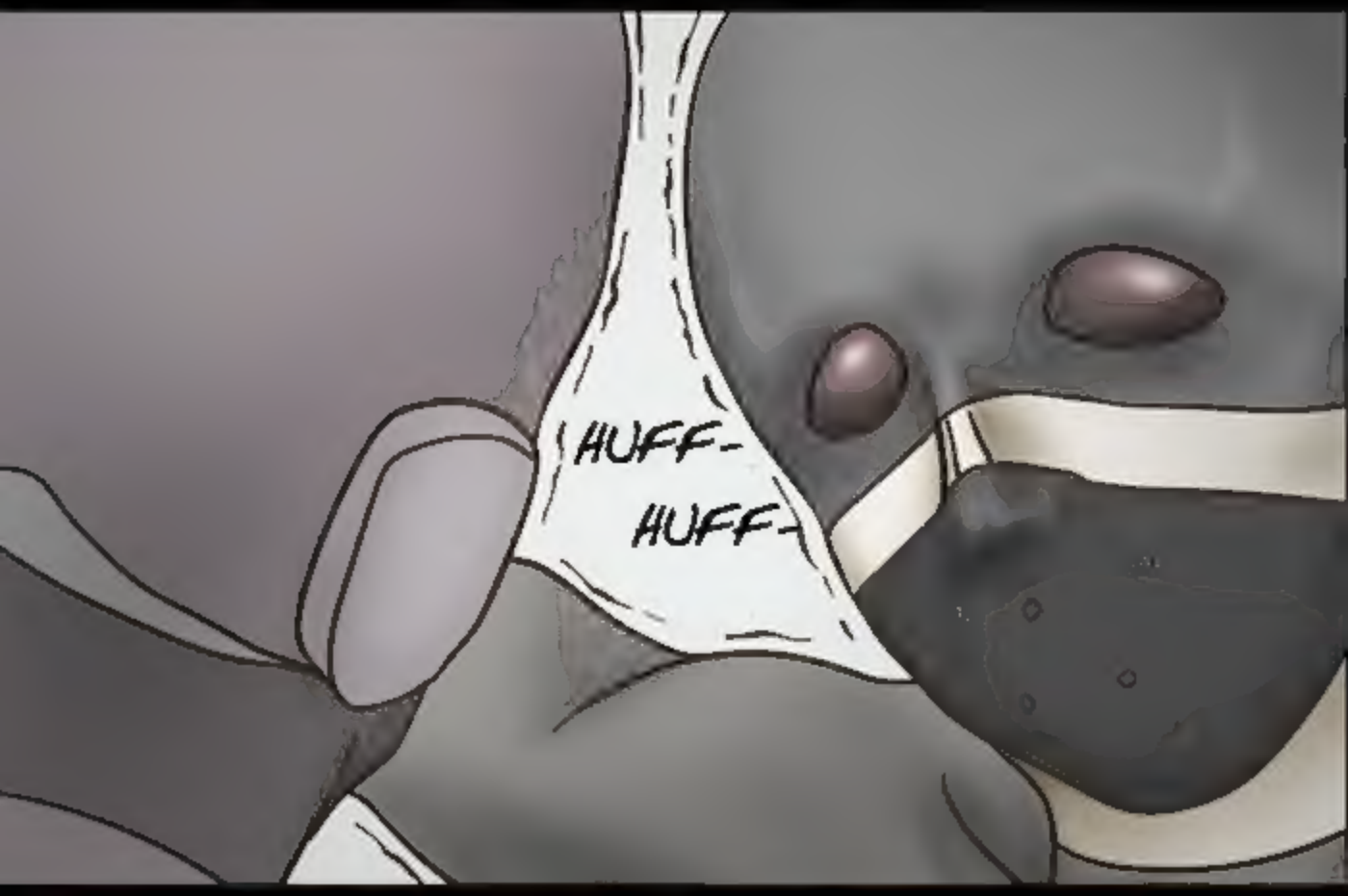
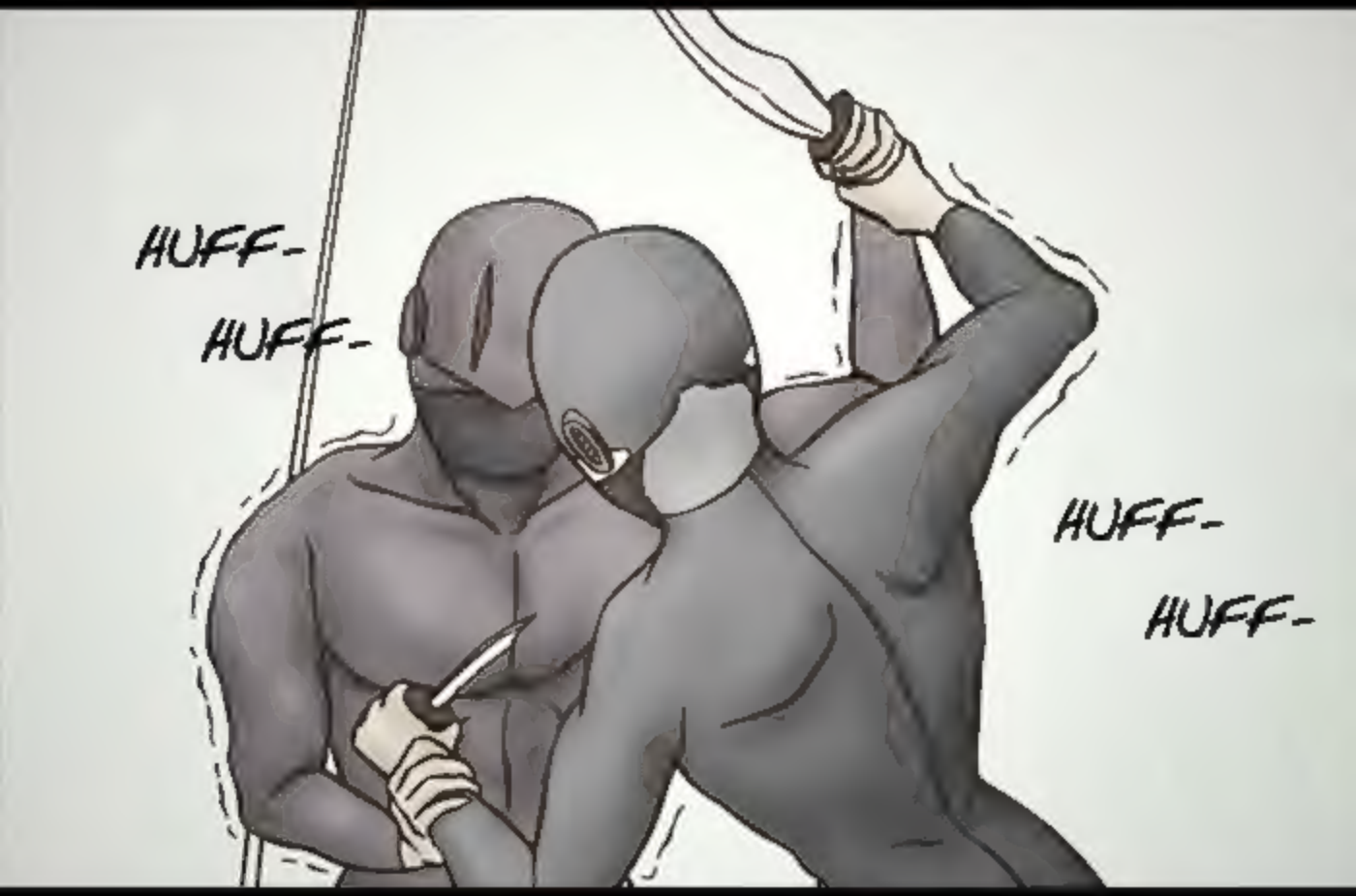
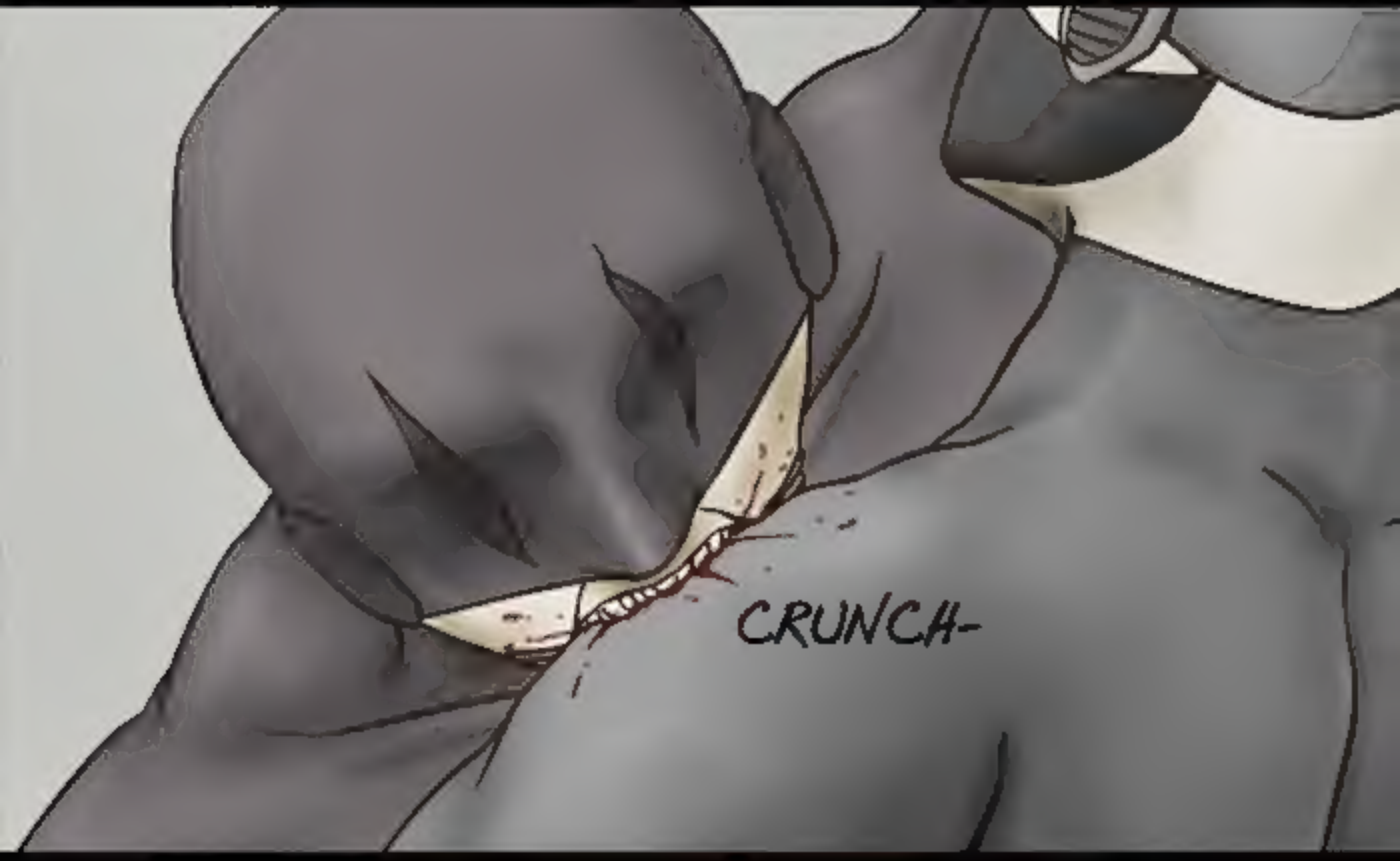


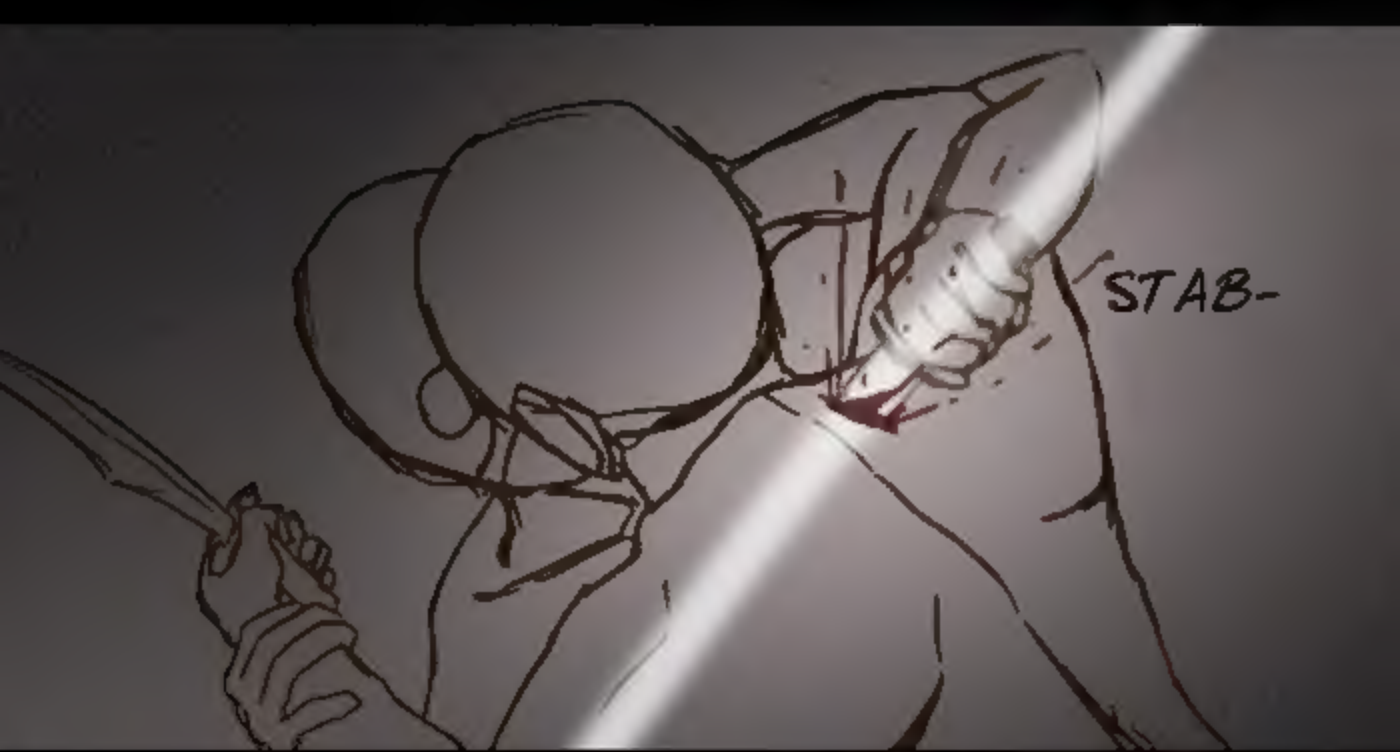
WHEN YOUR BLADE PIERCES THEIR SKIN



THEIR MUSCLES TWITCH INSTANTANEOUSLY.
THEIR BONES ARE EXPOSED.
THEIR TENDONS SNAP AND THEIR GUTS SPILL OUT.



REAL FIGHTS

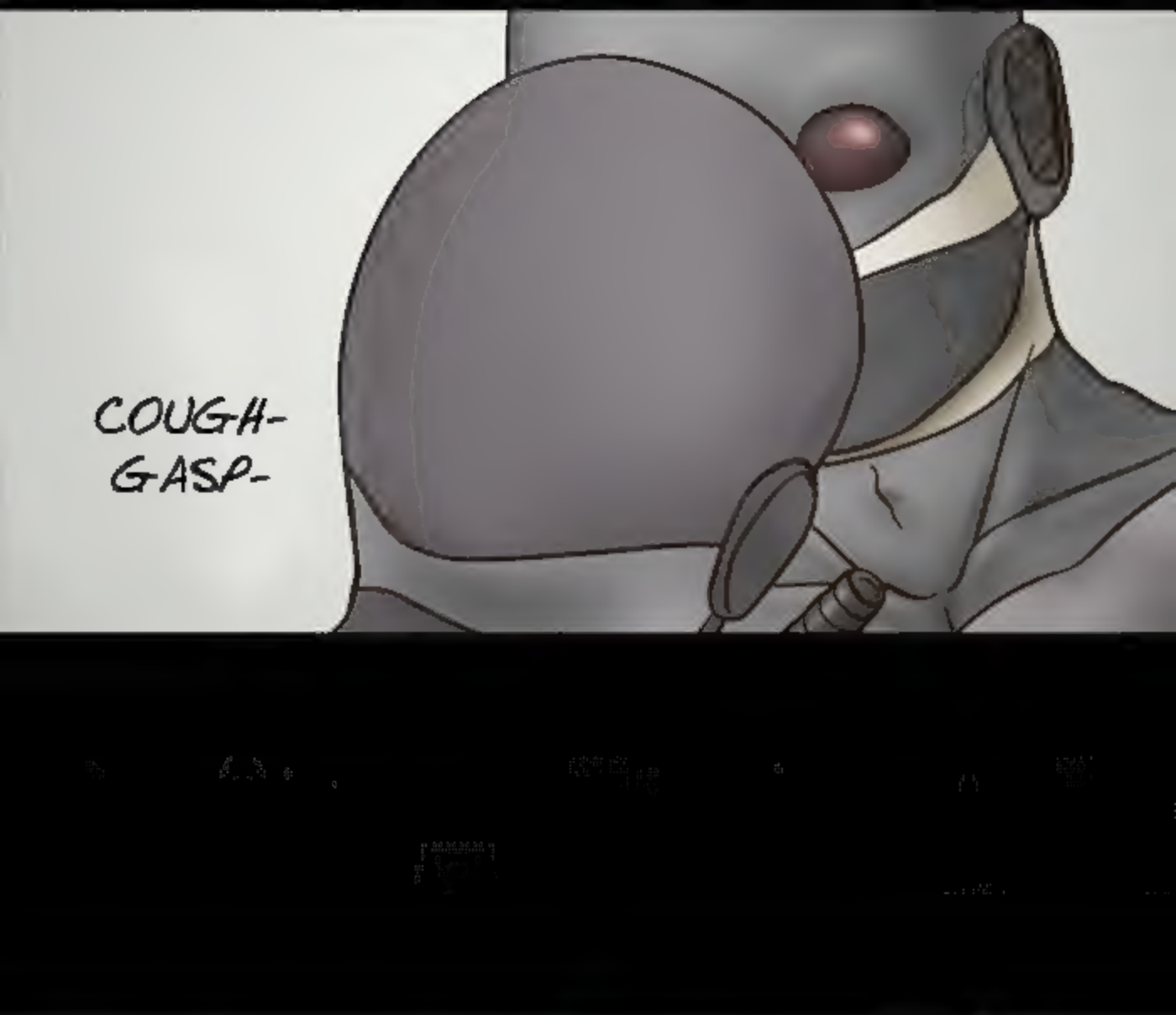


WERE BASICALLY JUST GRAPPLING
AND STRUGGLING WITH EACH OTHER.

THE METALLIC SMELL OF BLOOD.

THE PANTING AND GROANING.

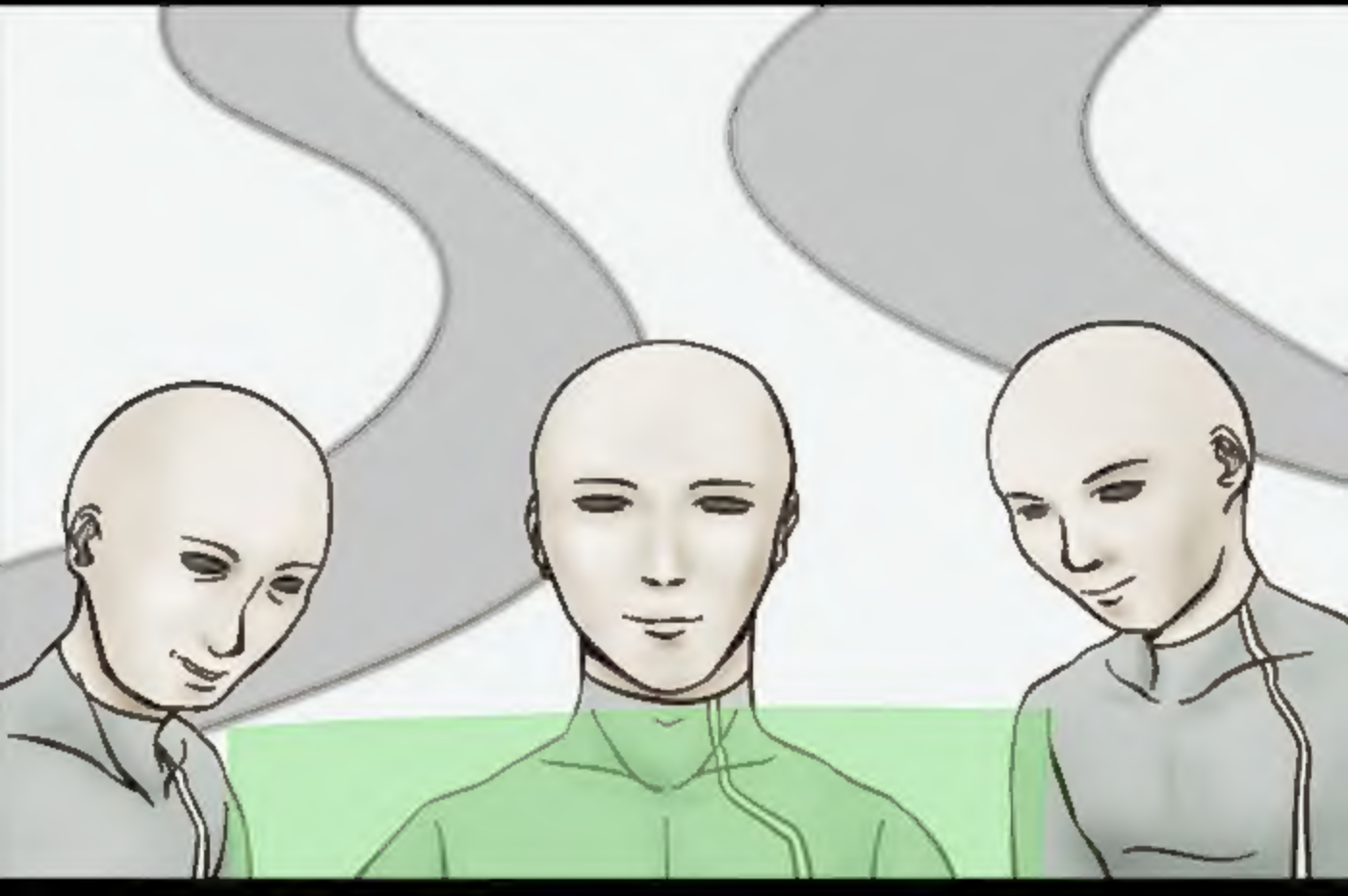
THE PITIFUL TEARS.


COUGH-
GASP-

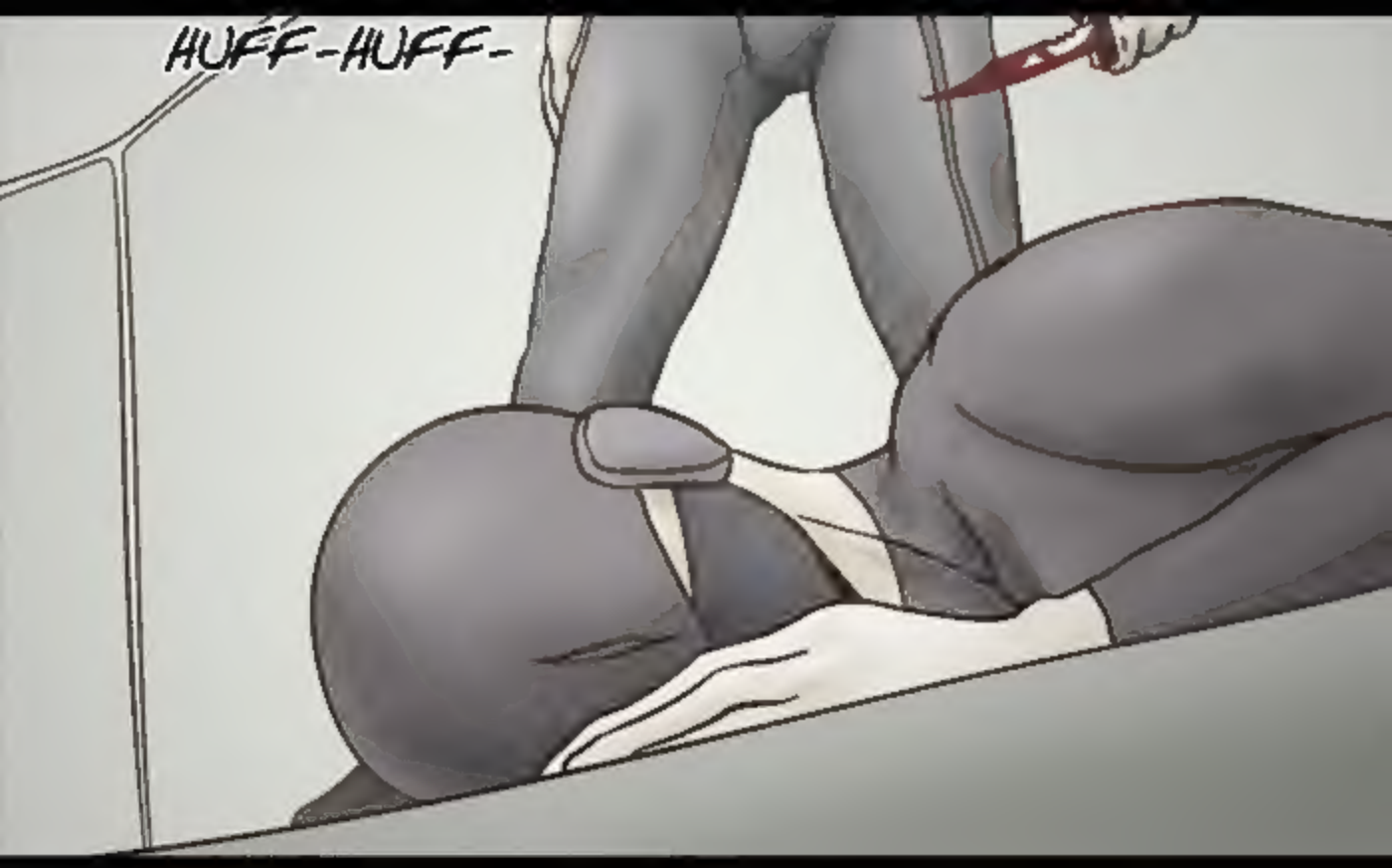
THUD-

FIGHTING IN REAL LIFE WAS DIFFERENT FROM MOVIES.

THEY WERE ALSO



A LOT MORE REALISTIC THAN IN MOVIES.



AND A LOT

MORE FUN TO WATCH.

FRIDAY
FORBIDDEN TALES
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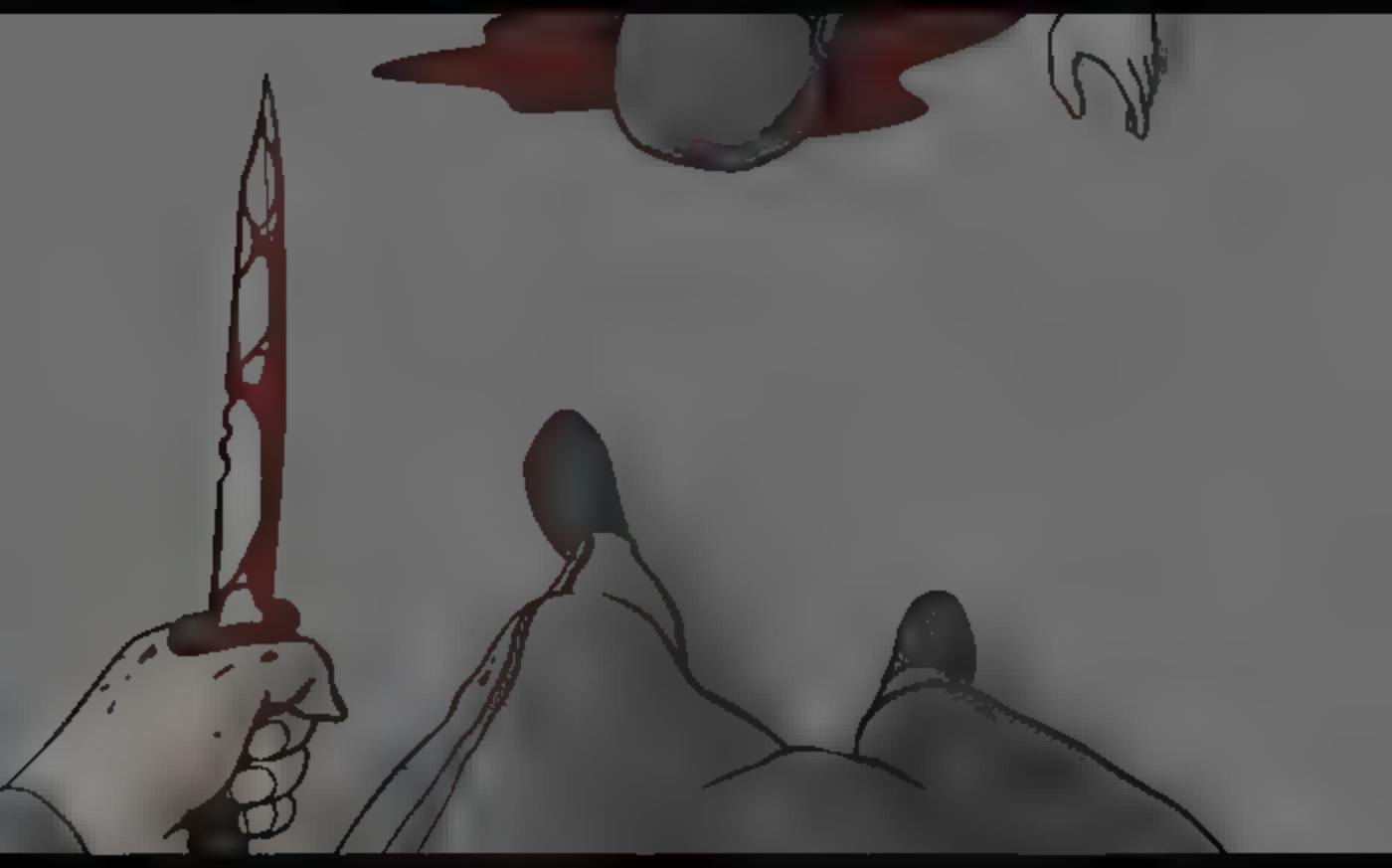
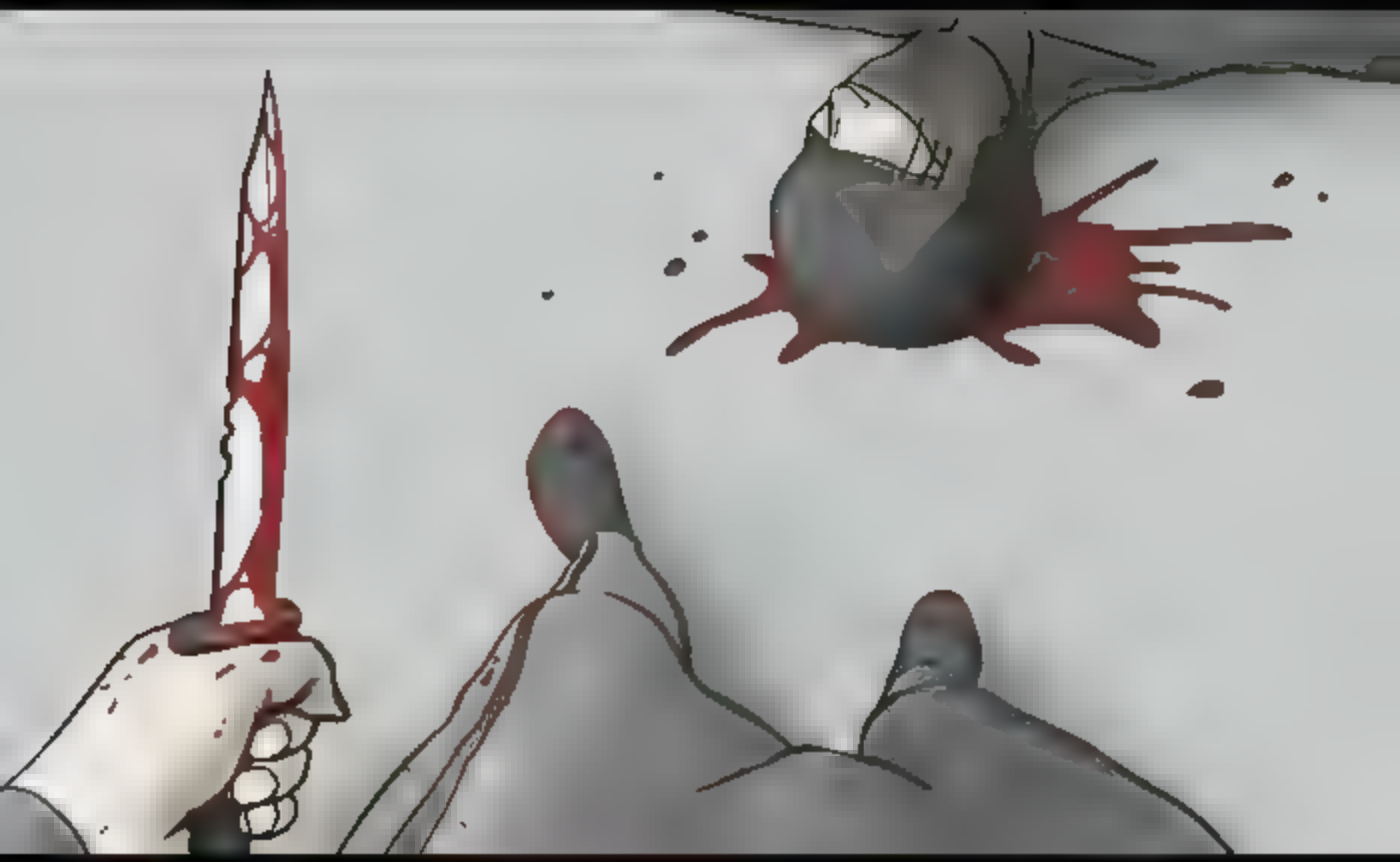
ONE VICTORY.



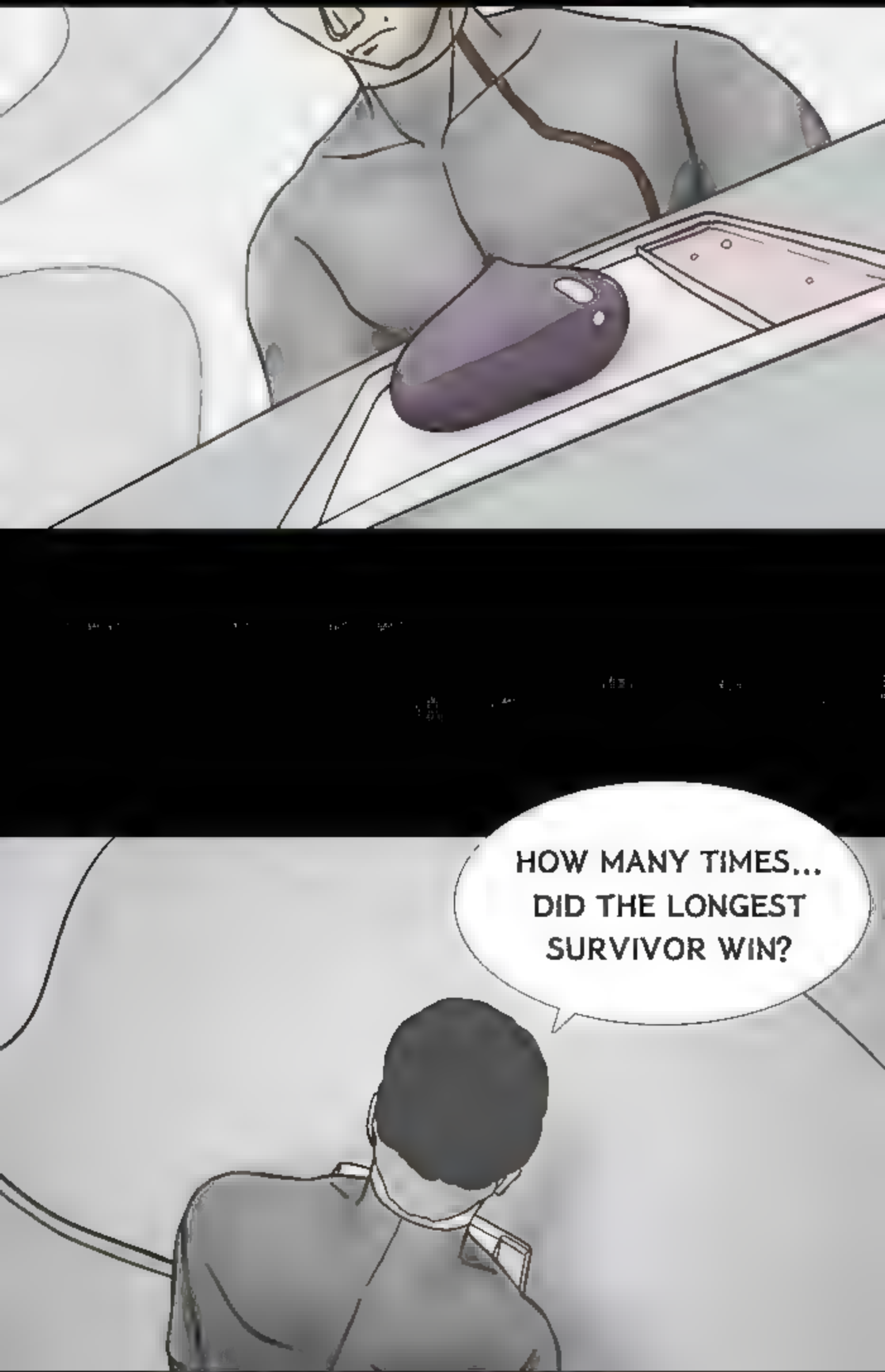
TWO VICTORIES.

THREE VICTORIES.



THE LONGER I PROLONGED MY LIFE,

THE CLOSER I GOT TO DEATH.

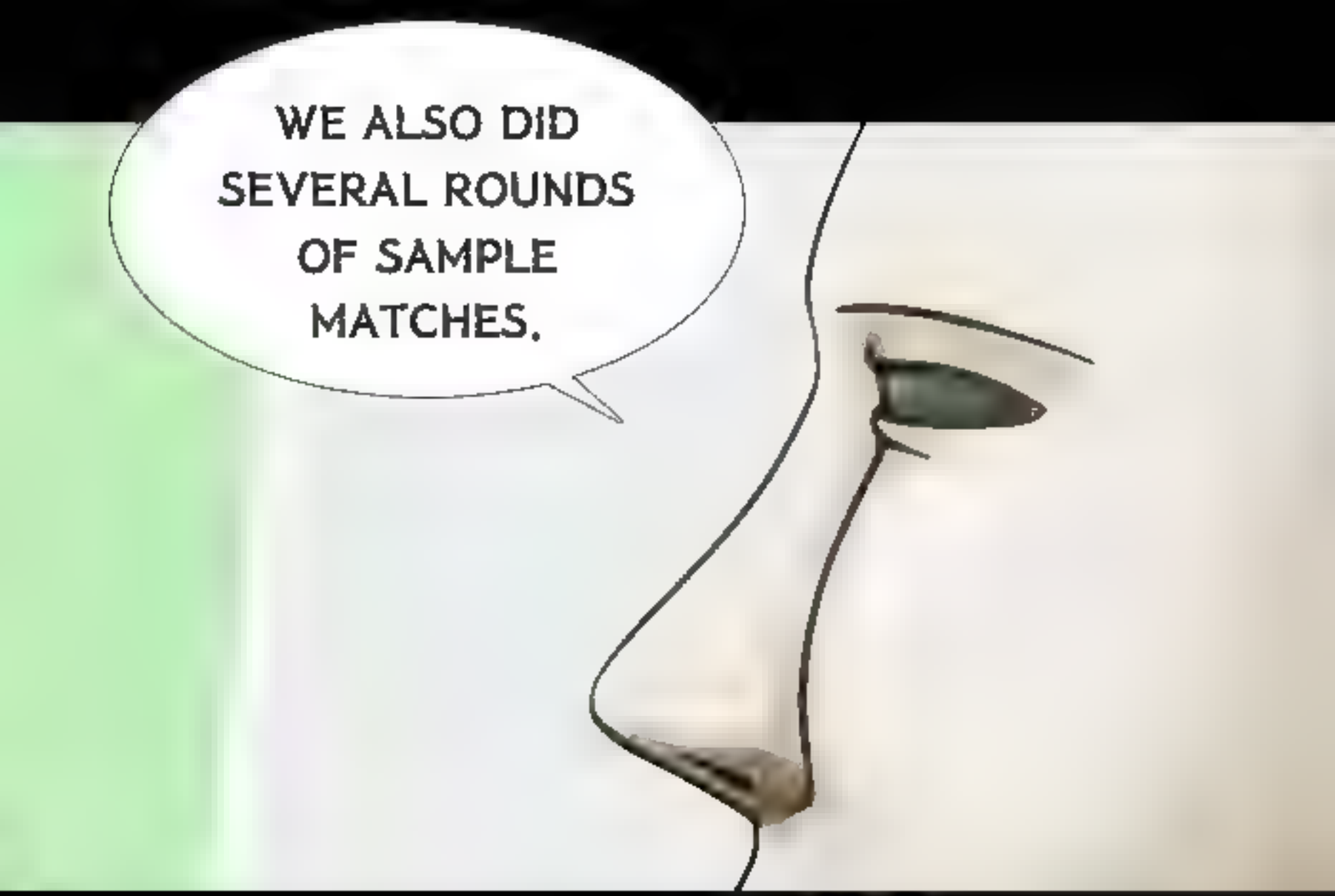

HOW MANY TIMES...
DID THE LONGEST
SURVIVOR WIN?

SIX TIMES.

THAT'S RIGHT.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING,
I WAS DEFINITELY APPROACHING DEATH.

A DRY, DISINTERESTED REPLY FROM THE FUTURE PERSON.
WAS IT ADMIRATION OR ENCOURAGEMENT?

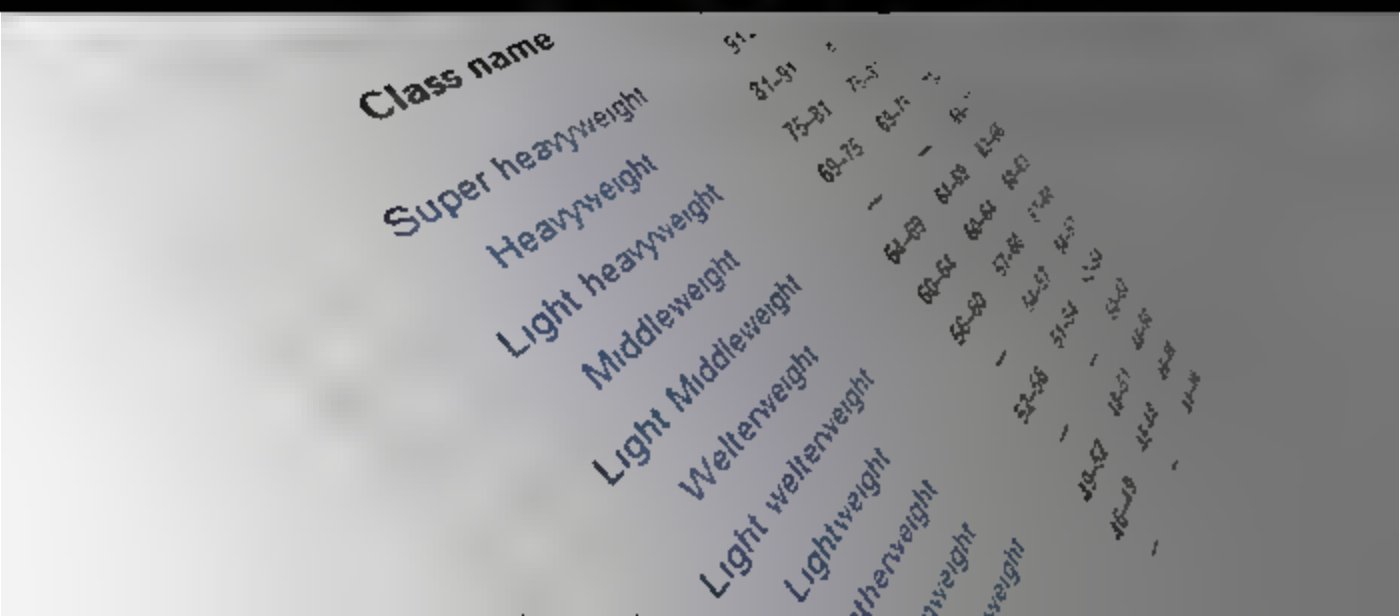


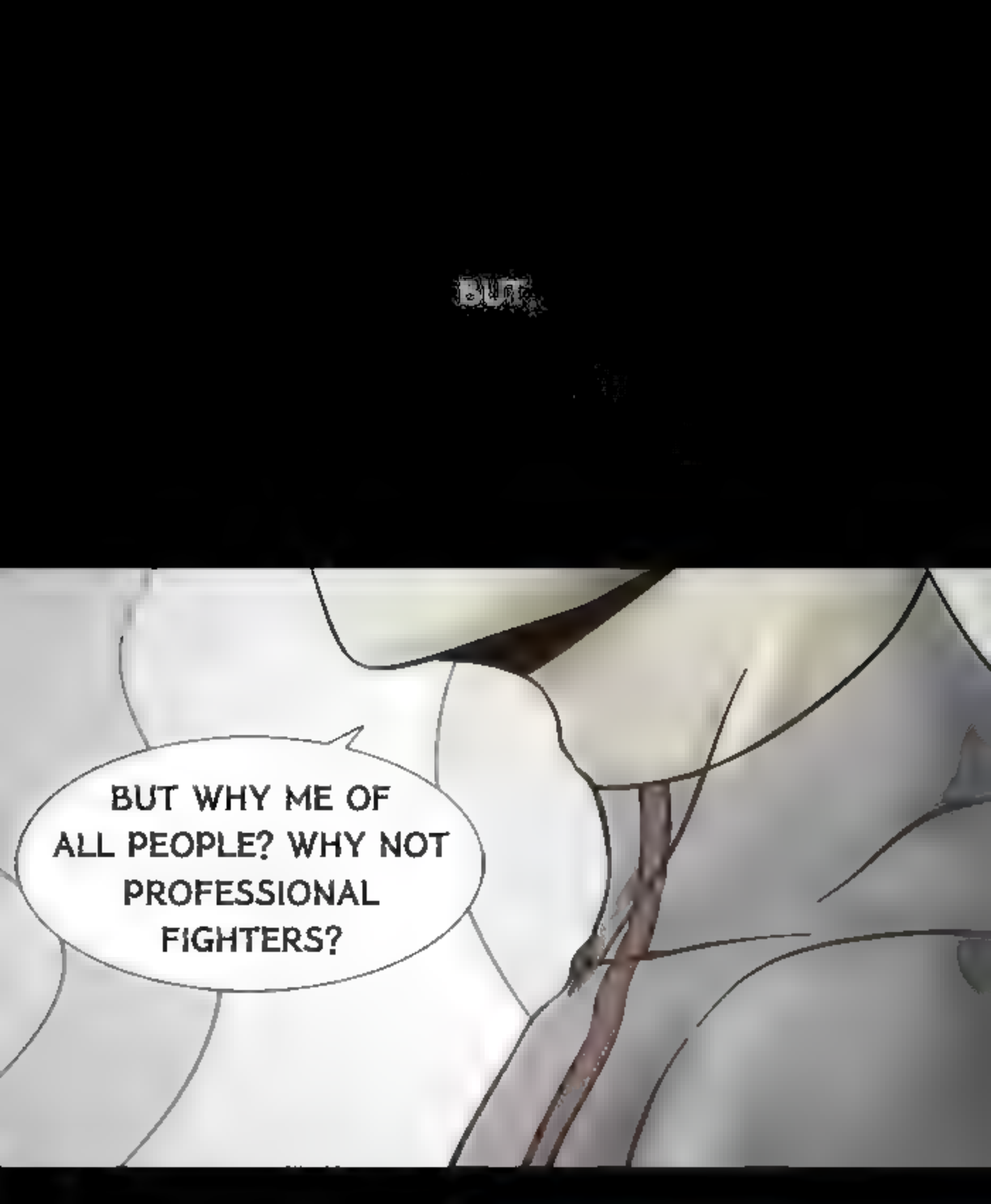
THEY SAID THAT MATCHING FIGHTERS OF THE SAME WEIGHT CLASS WAS IDEAL.

THEY TOLD ME THAT ULTIMATELY, IT WAS MOST FUN WHEN FIGHTERS OF THE SAME WEIGHT CLASS, PHYSICAL STRENGTH, WEIGHT AND PERSONALITY COMPETED AGAINST EACH OTHER.

THIS WAS AN EXPLANATION
THAT I COULD UNDERSTAND.

SINCE IT WAS ALSO LIKE THAT IN OUR...
I MEAN, MY TIME.

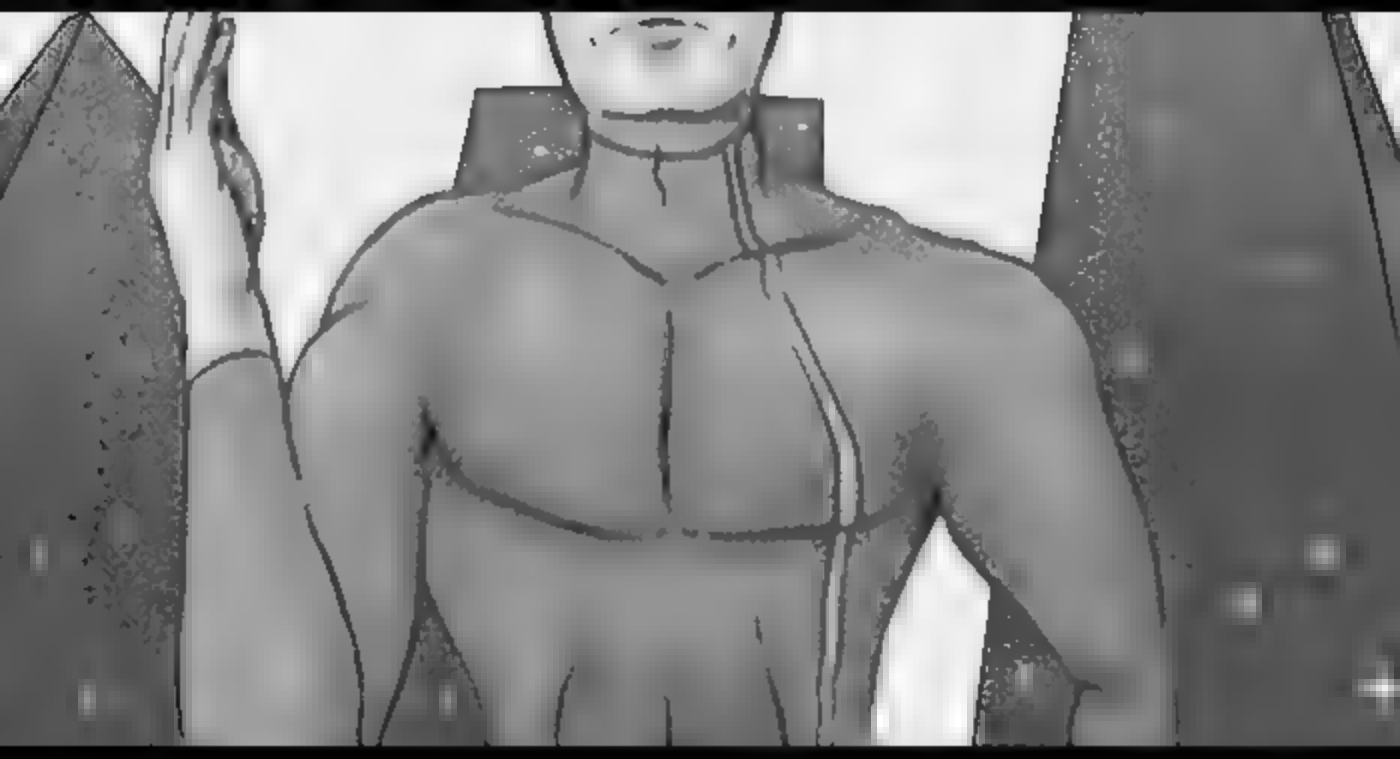



BUT
BUT WHY ME OF ALL PEOPLE? WHY NOT PROFESSIONAL FIGHTERS?

OF COURSE WE ALSO
TRIED THAT.
BUT SURPRISINGLY,
IT WASN'T MUCH FUN.

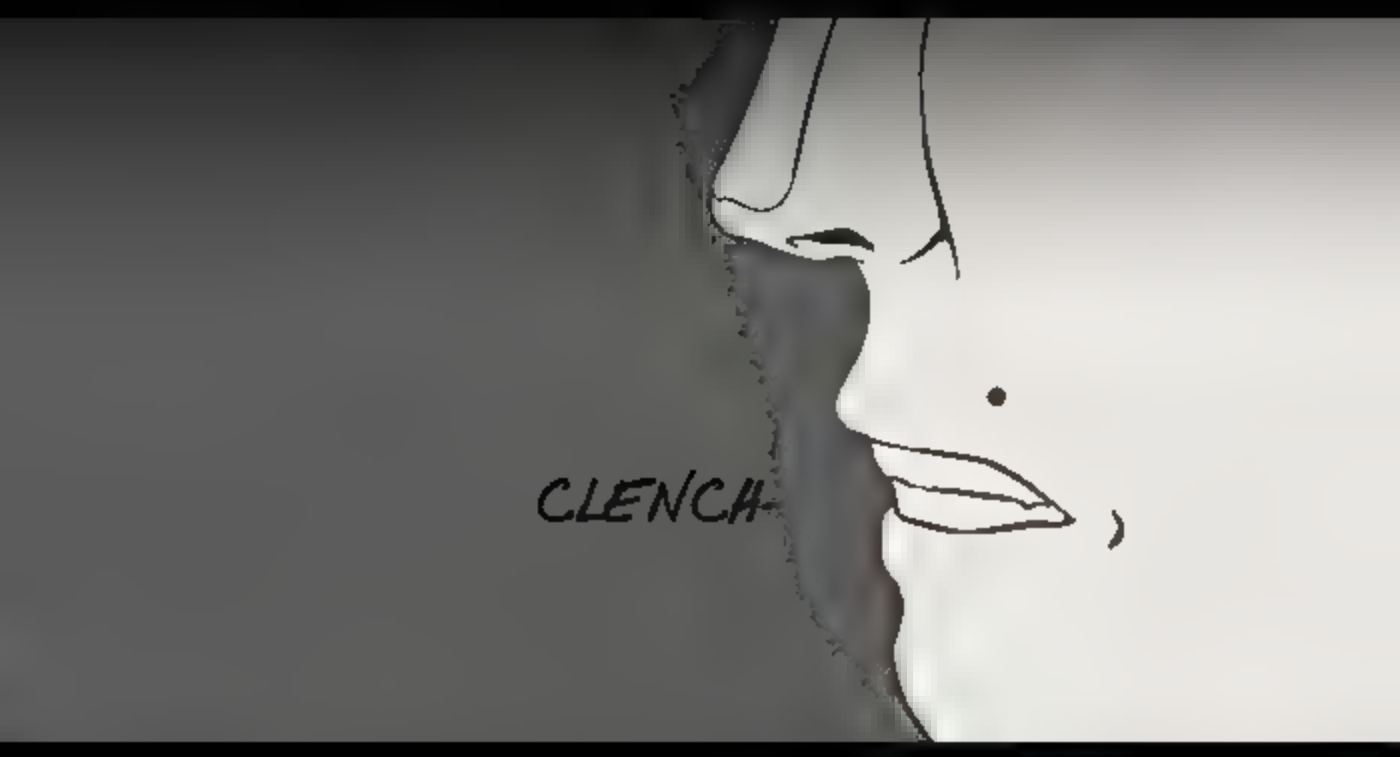
SO BASICALLY, I WAS LIVING IN THE RIGHT TIME

AND I HAD THE RIGHT PHYSICAL SKILLS.



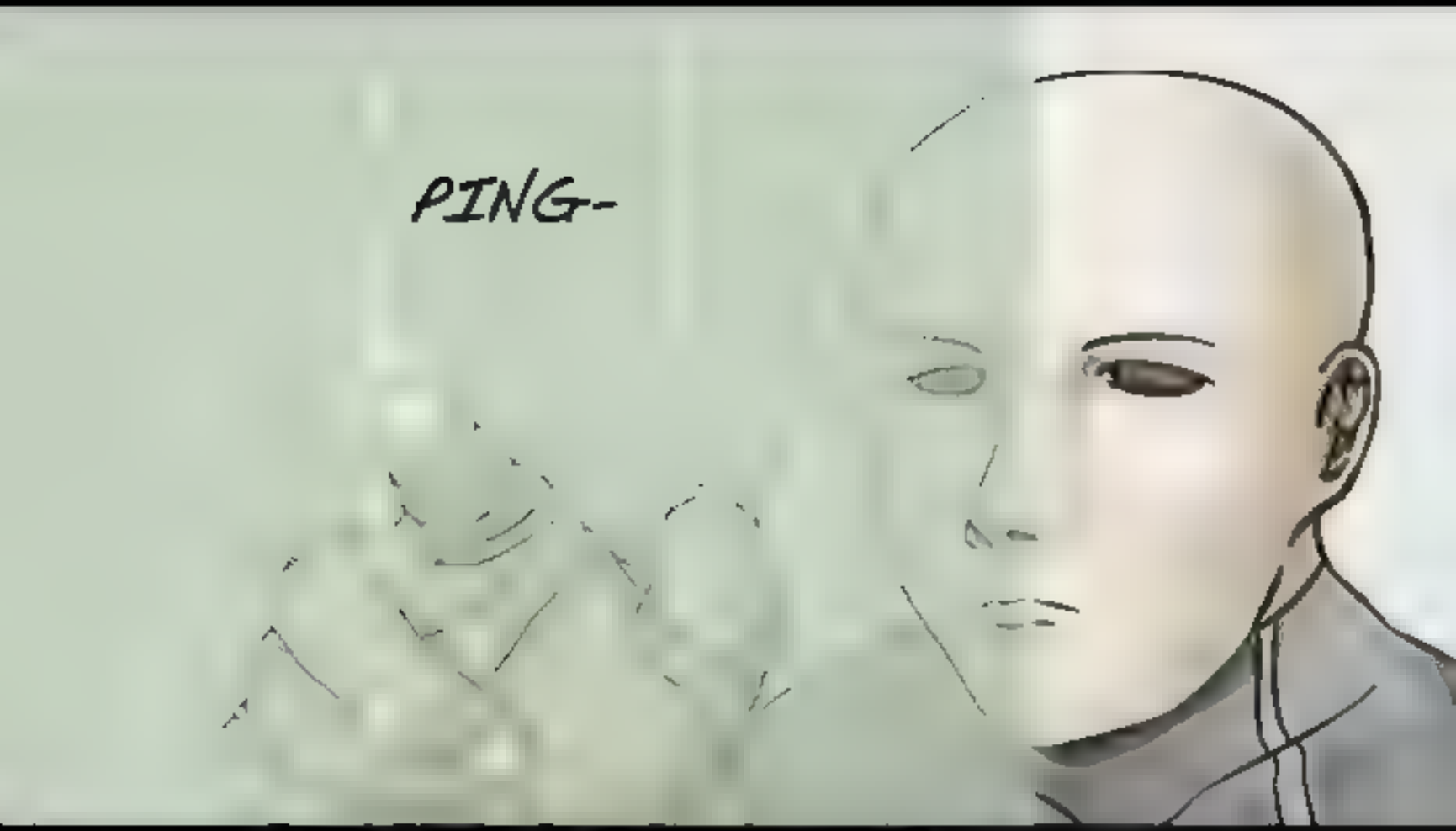
I WAS JUST THE FIGHTING DOG
THEY WERE LOOKING FOR...

IS THAT WHAT HE MEANT?



I CONTINUED ASKING QUESTIONS.

BUT THE PURPOSE OF THESE QUESTIONS

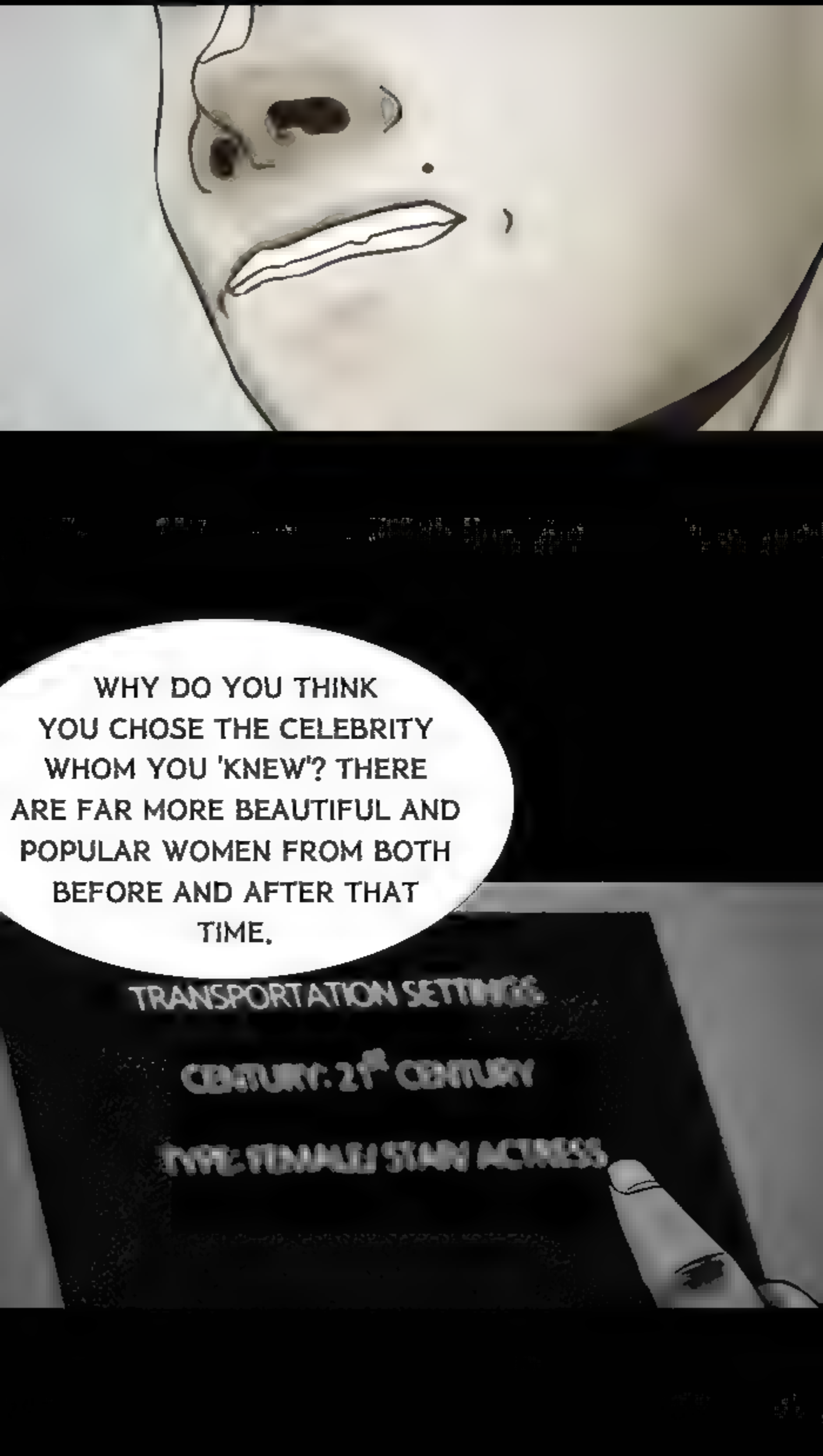


WAS NOT RELIEVING MY CURIOSITY,

BUT GETTING CLOSER TO HIM.

FOR THE SAME REASON THAT YOU CHOSE THE CELEBRITY YOU 'KNEW.'

I JUST WANT TO SNAP THAT THROAT SPEWING NONSENSE AT ME.


WHY DO YOU THINK YOU CHOSE THE CELEBRITY WHOM YOU 'KNEW'? THERE ARE FAR MORE BEAUTIFUL AND POPULAR WOMEN FROM BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THAT TIME.
TRANSPORTATION SETTINGS
CENTURY: 21st CENTURY

THREE WORLD CUP VICTORIES. WINNER OF THE BALLON D'OR SEVEN YEARS IN A ROW.

AND WINNER OF NUMEROUS VICTORY CUPS IN VARIOUS LEAGUES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS.
JUST SHUT UP...

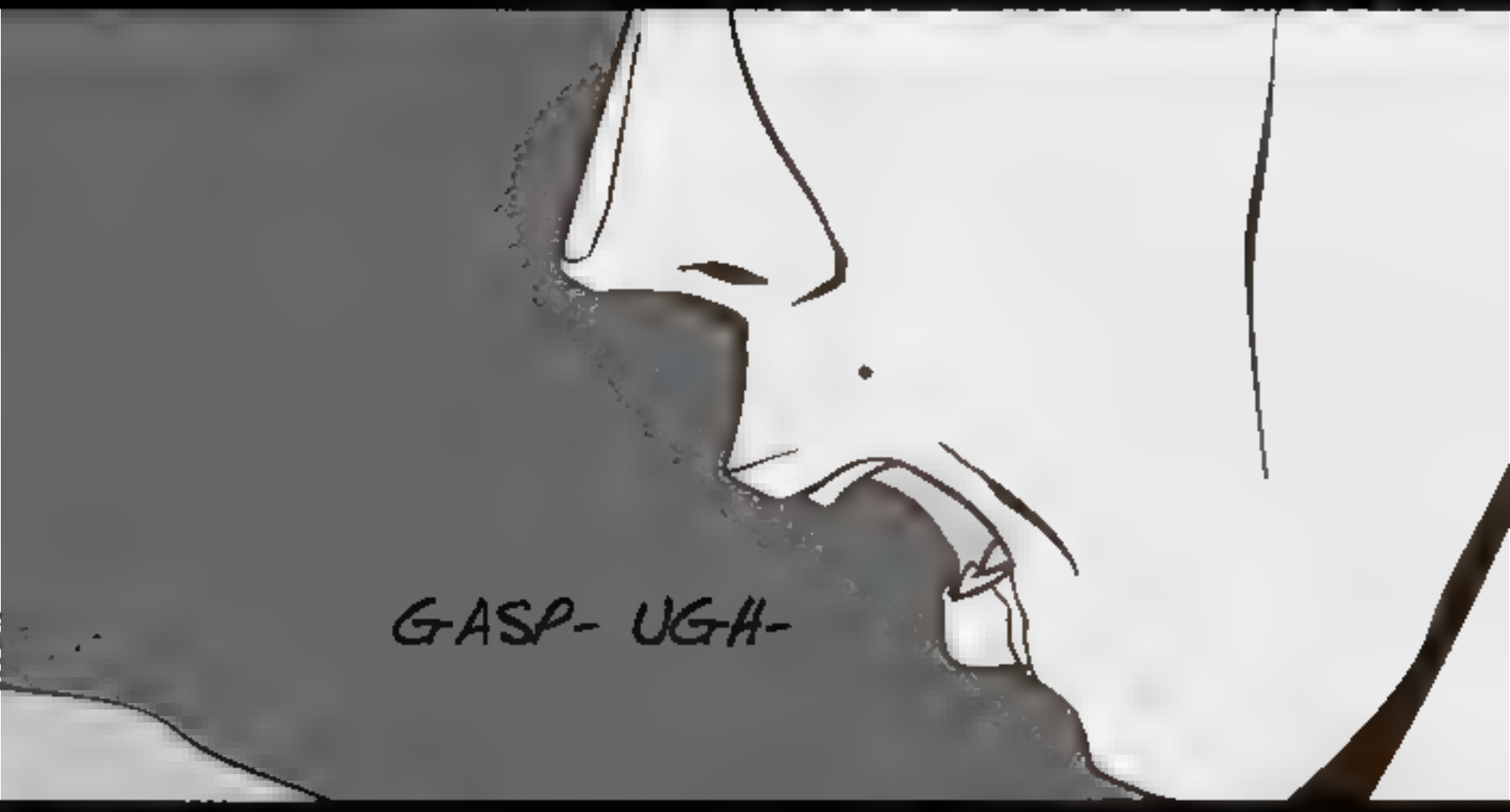
AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE, YOU ARE A LEGENDARY STAR WHO TRANSCENDS YOUR OWN TIME.
DIE!!!
WHISH-

MY RESISTANCE

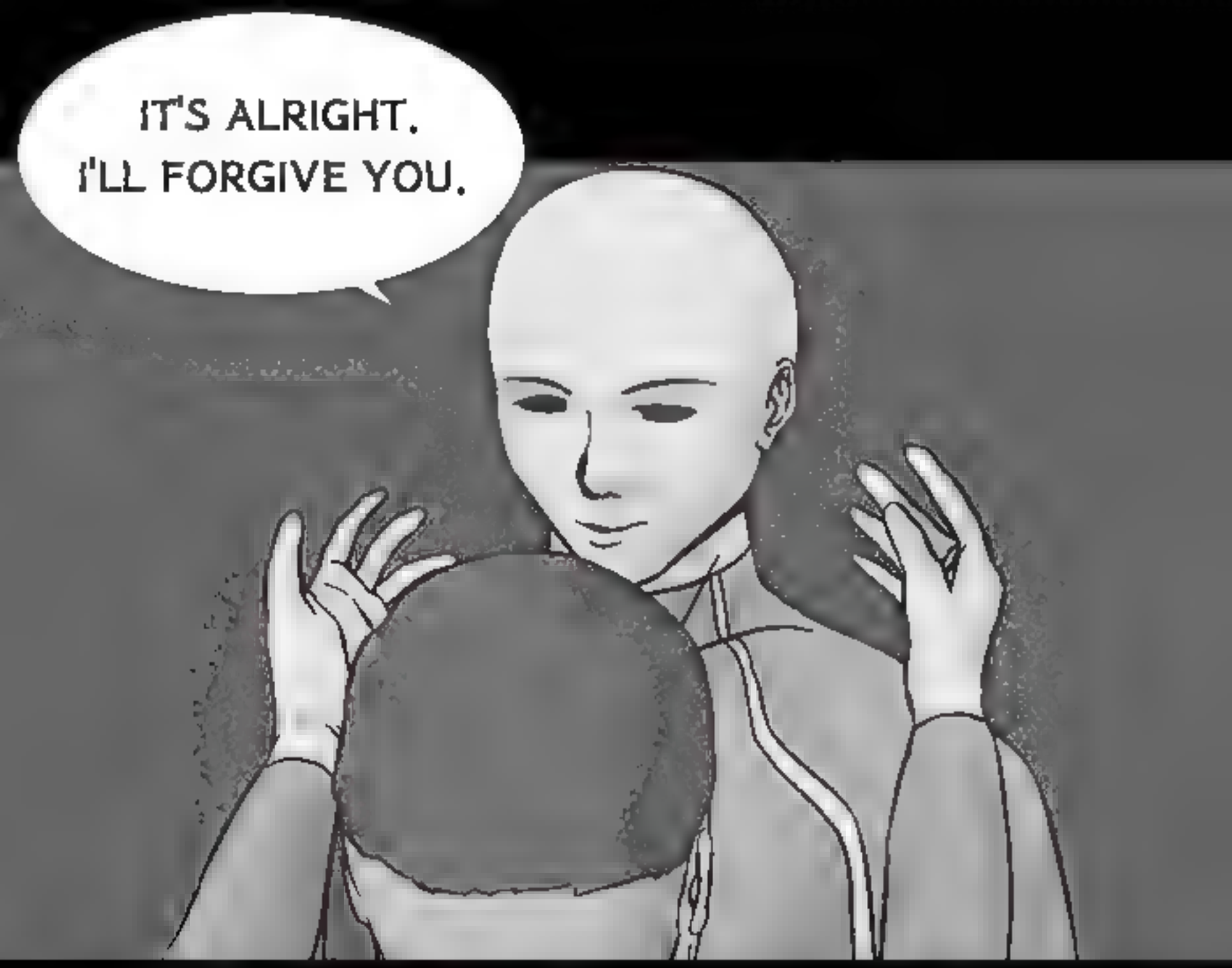
ENDED FRUITLESSLY.

AND YOU REBEL IN SIMILAR WAYS AT SIMILAR TIMES.

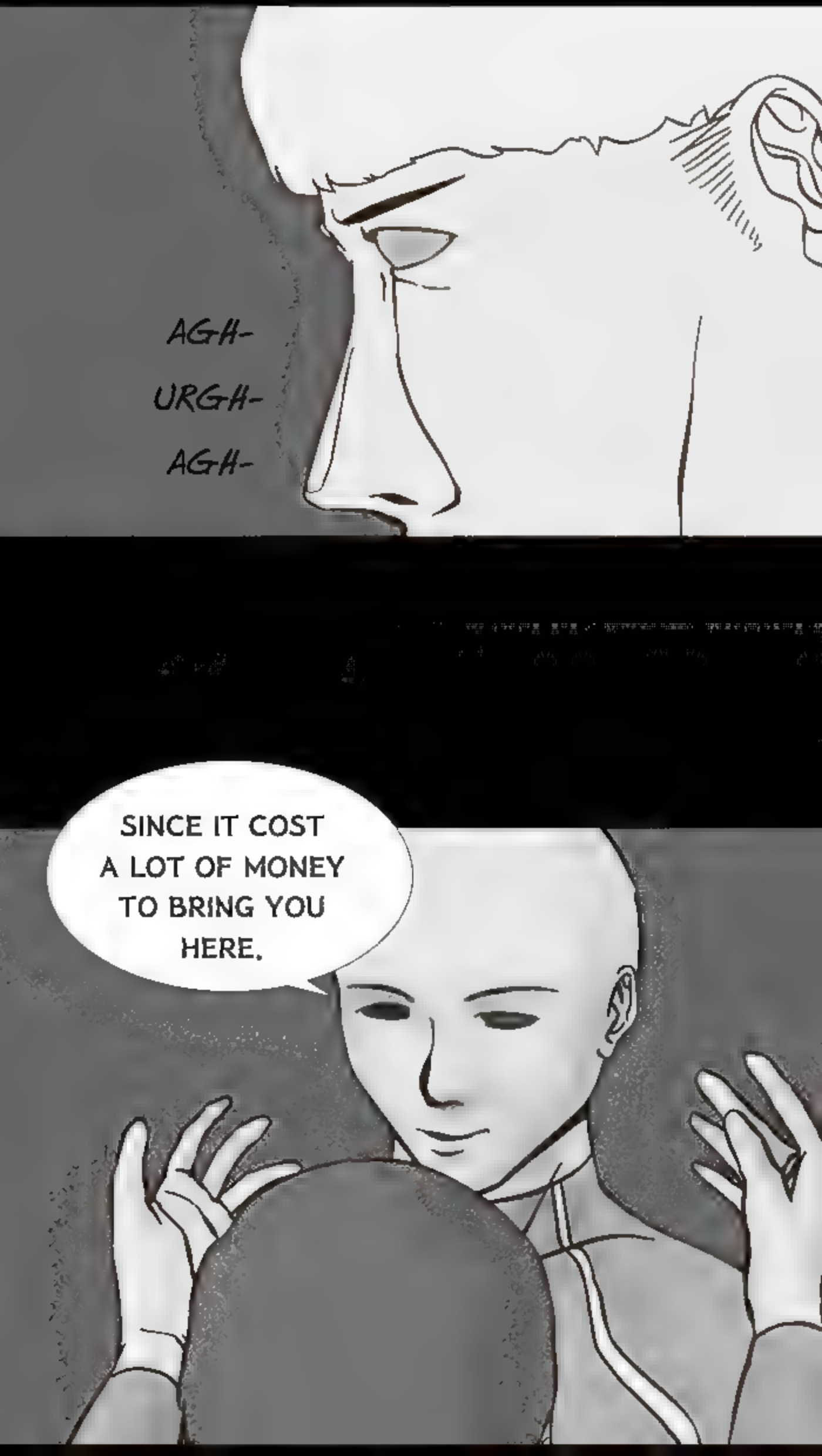
THE MOMENT I REACHED OUT TO GRAB HIS NECK...



MY WHOLE BODY WAS PARALYZED.

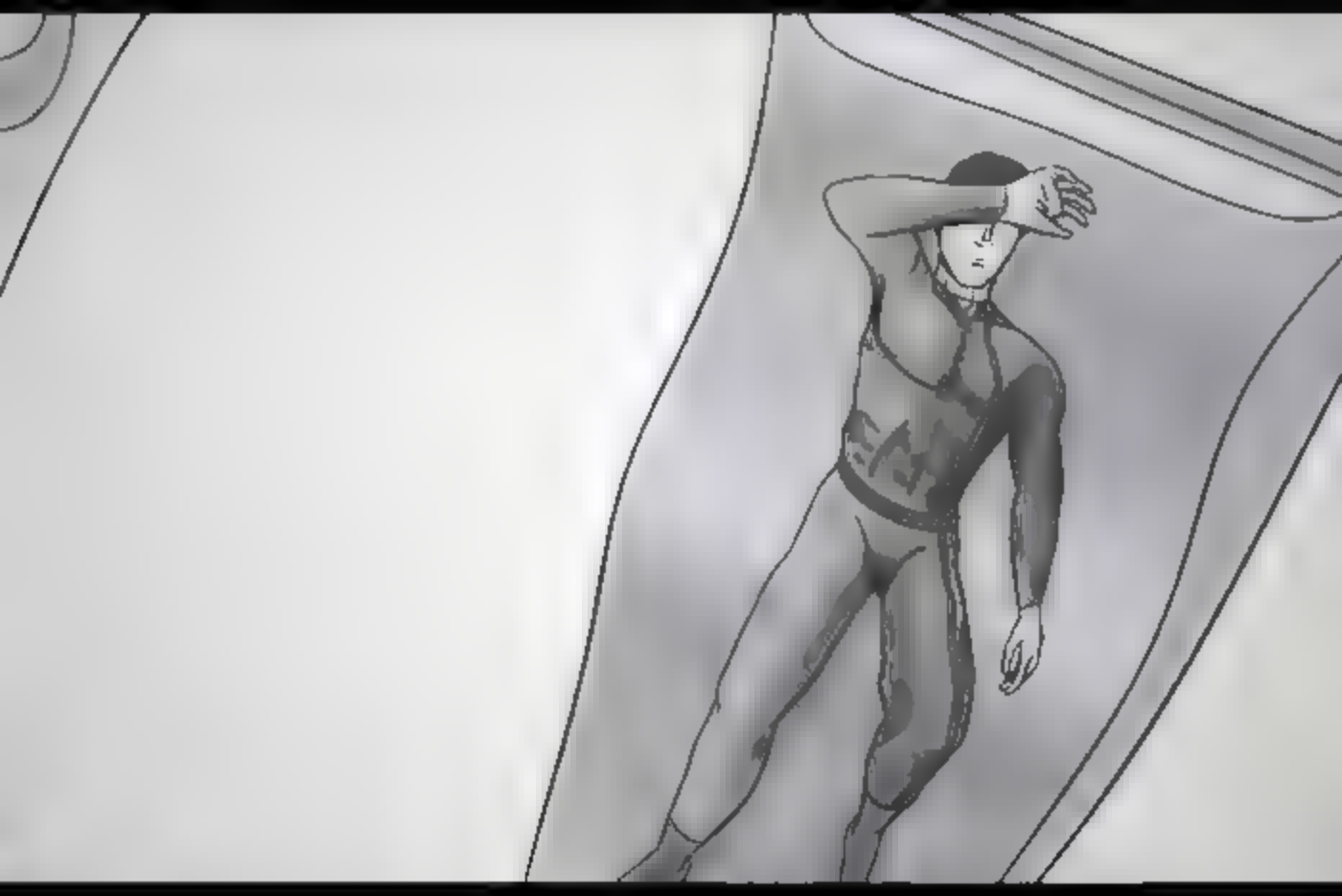


SUCH TERRIFYINGLY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.

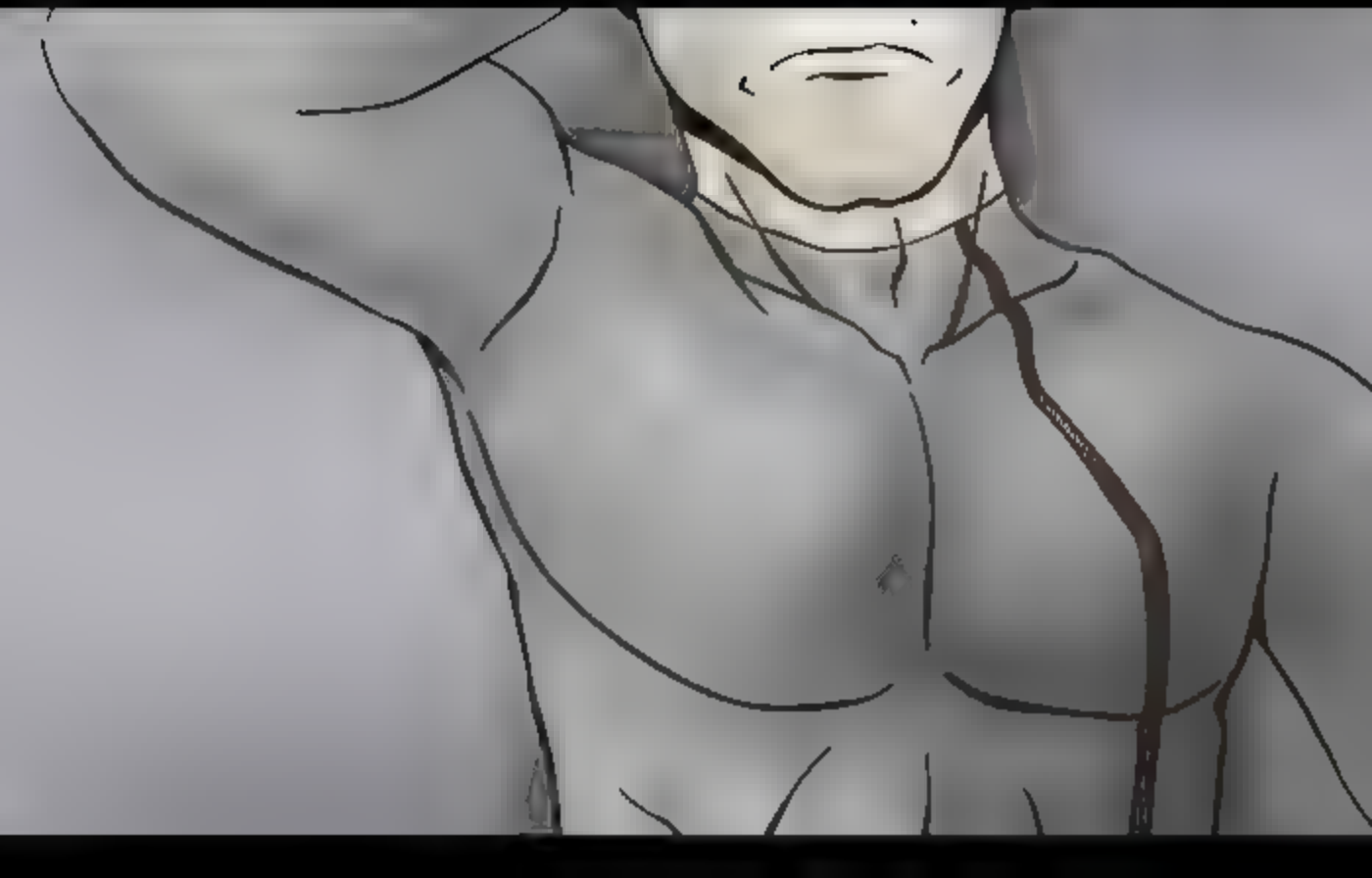

AGH-
URGH-
AGH-
SINCE IT COST A LOT OF MONEY TO BRING YOU HERE.

AND EVEN MORE TERRIFYING

WAS THEIR WAY OF THINKING.



I SHUDDERED AT THEIR INDIFFERENCE IN TREATING HUMANS, BEINGS WHO POSSESSED SOUL AND EMOTIONS, AS MERE PLAYTHINGS.



BUT THIS INCIDENT EARNED ME
SOMETHING UNEXPECTED
AND GAVE ME AN UNANTICIPATED HINT.

WHEN I FIRST HEARD HIM SAY THAT,
I WONDERED IF I WAS SIMPLY MISTAKEN
OR HAD MISUNDERSTOOD,

BUT I BECAME CERTAIN WHEN I HEARD HIS SECOND ANSWER.

I COULD GO BACK TO THE PAST,
BACK TO THE TIME WHEN I LIVED.

THAT'S WHAT WAS SCHEDULED TO HAPPEN.

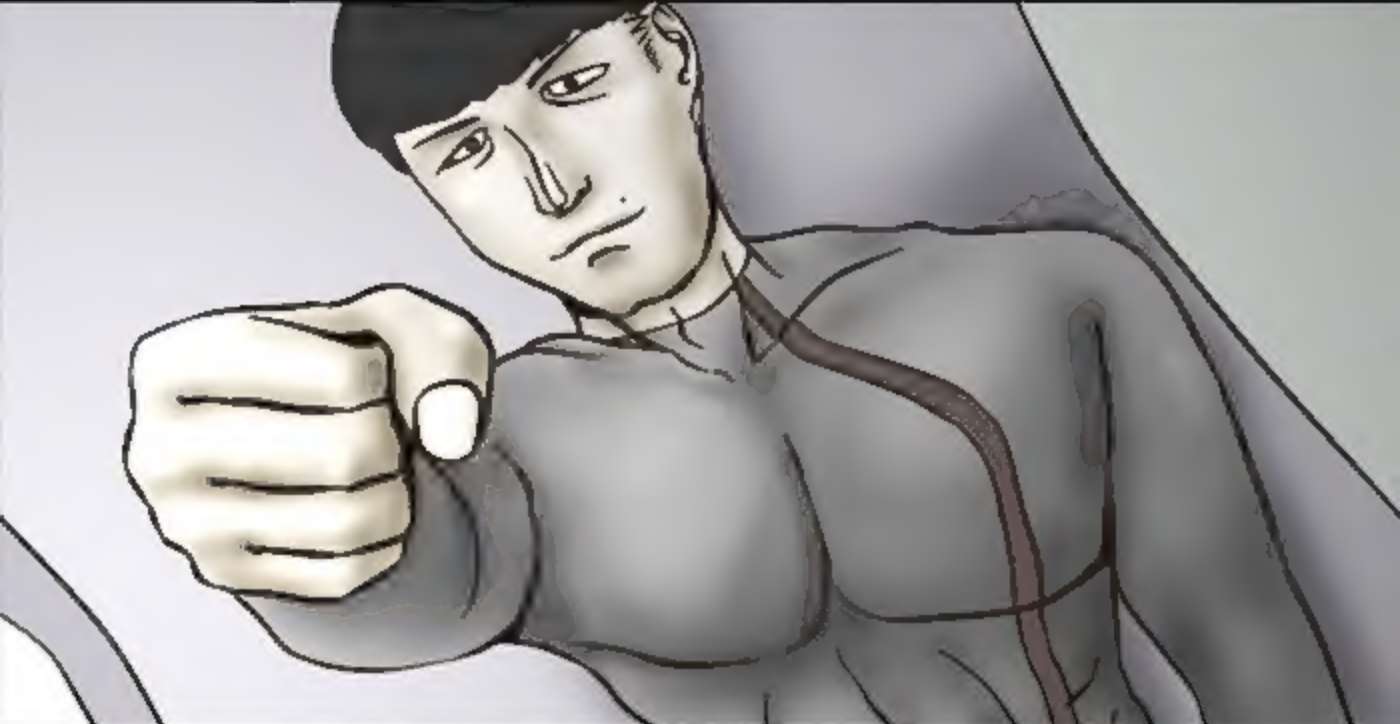
THEY'VE RETURNED TO WHERE THEY CAME FROM.
SO HE WAS SAYING THAT ALL OF THE CELEBRITIES I HAD SUMMONED FROM THE PAST HAD ALL GONE BACK TO THEIR OWN TIME!
NO, NOTHING CHANGES. NEITHER THE FUTURE NOR THE PAST.

SO THAT'S WHY THIS DOESN'T HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE FUTURE!

BECAUSE THE PEOPLE THEY SUMMON FROM THE PAST GET SENT BACK!

I SAW HOPE.

AND WITH HOPE CAME DESIRE.



AND WITH DESIRE,

MY WILL TO LIVE GREW STRONGER.

NEXT WEEK, TRANSMISSION (4)

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